## **Bridge House News**

# Bridge House School

### A Regular Newsletter for Parents & Carers Thursday 19th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The students have been incredibly busy this term, working hard and enjoying the various trips to rivers across Lincolnshire to celebrate our new house names which have also helped them to answer this term's enquiry question "What makes me unique?". The staff and students were very proud to have the opportunity to share their hard work with so many of you at our recent Open Evening - we hope the evening also provided you with a helpful insight into what, and how, we teach at Bridge House. We are looking forward to holding more events in school in the forthcoming months; in particular we are looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our "Christmas Cracker" on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December.

We are pleased to welcome new staff to our amazing team, Sarah Halls-Dally who is our new primary school SENCO and is currently covering the secondary school SENCO role. We are also pleased to welcome Nicky Jones as our new family support lead, both of them will be introducing themselves to your shortly. On our teaching team we have welcomed Rebecca Edwards (primary), Jim Parker (middle – maths) and Jenny Harris (upper – science). We would also like to congratulate Glenis King, Kieran Rodgers and Christina Coffer on their new roles as pastoral team leads!

#### **Student Voice**

Student voice is at the heart of everything we do at Bridge House. Every term a student council meeting is held so students can share their thoughts and ideas on the development of the school. We are pleased to announce the following pupils as our new captains for 2023-24:

Primary School Captain – Alfie C Primary Vice Captain – Alfie M

Middle School Captain - Abi

Middle School Vice Captain – Kasey Gwash House Captain – Jack Glen House Captain – Memphis Haltham House Captain – Debbie Hemingby House Captain – Ruby Lymn House Captain – Abi Long House Captain – Kasey

Upper School Captain – Jasmin
Upper School Vice Captain – Harvey
Slea House Captain – Ella
Stainfield House Captain – Harley
Rase House Captain – Keaton
Torne House Captain – Harvey
Trent House Captain - Jasmin

#### **Absence**

It is important that children attend school every day. Except for in exceptional circumstances, we aim for our students to have an annual attendance of above 96%, to ensure that they access the education they are entitled to. We appreciate your support in getting them in school every day, on time and ready for learning. We do appreciate that there are occasions when a child is too unwell to attend school. Please ensure that you have informed us, before the start of the school day, if your child will be absent. If we haven't received notification, we will do all we can to contact you – this may involve a home-visit or, in some circumstances requesting a police Safe and Well check.

#### **Dates for Your Diary**

Please note the following dates for the months ahead:

- ❖ 30.10.23— Start of Term 2
- ❖ 02.11.23 WOW Day all campuses
- ❖ 14.11.23 School Photographs
- 15.12.23 Christmas Cracker
- 19.12.23 Christmas Cinema Trip
- 19.12.23 Christmas Dinner Day
- 19.12.23 End of Term 2

#### What makes me unique?

In Brant and Bourne class, they started their year studying poetry and identifying the features. We then drafted, created and published our own poems about what makes Bridge House School unique. During their maths lessons, they have been using lots of different methods to answer questions involving all four operations. Some of the methods were familiar to the children. However, some of the methods were new, so they have learnt how to set them out and use them to help us answer questions.









Enrichment day was enjoyed by the whole primary campus. The activities included measuring heart rates and comparing them before and after exercise, creating a football team of their own, using pictures to demonstrate what makes them unique, and exploring DNA and how we all have our own unique DNA.

#### **Tattershall Farm Park**

This term has been filled with fun adventures for Catchwater Class. We especially enjoyed our trip to Tattershall Farm Park and the sensory activities it had to offer.

This term our favourite story by far

has been 'Whatever Next'. We all chose careers as Astronauts and were very busy flying our rocket to the moon.







The whole school visited Tattershall Farm Park to learn more about the similarities and differences between animals our ourselves. We were treated to a falconry display as well as meeting a new litter of piglets.





#### **River Bain**

This term Bourne and Brant (Year 5/6) classes visited Tattershall Sluice Bridge on the River Bain, a river that one of our classes at Primary is named after. During the visit, we studied the river and learnt lots of facts about a Sluice Bridge and the River Bain itself.

Our whole-school **Enquiry Question for** Term 1 is

What makes me unique?



Whilst we were there, we used the techniques we had learnt in Art to sketch the river and we also saw Tattershall Castle and some RAF planes flying over!

#### **Contact Details**

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, using one of the following methods:

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